

# **Brazos Basin and Bay Expert Science Team Update to the Brazos Basin and Bay Stakeholder Committee**

April 26, 2011

1. The Brazos BBEST includes:
  - Dr. Tim Bonner – Texas State University
  - Jack Davis – Brazos River Authority
  - David Dunn – HDR
  - Dan Gise – Freese and Nichols
  - Tom Gooch – Freese and Nichols
  - Dr. George Guillen – University of Houston Clear Lake
  - Tiffany Morgan – Brazos River Authority
  - Phil Price – Brazos River Authority
  - Dr. Kirk Winemiller – Texas A&M
2. We met Tuesday, April 19, with all members in attendance.
3. We elected Tom Gooch as chair and Dr. Kirk Winemiller as co-chair
4. We established subcommittees –
  - Hydrology – Dunn, Gooch, and Price
  - Ecology – Bonner, Davis, Gise, Guillen, Morgan, and Winemiller
5. We discussed the BBEST process and the timeline for our efforts.
  - Funding to support the BBEST is likely to be limited (\$148,000, compared to \$228,000 for other BBEST's)
  - Funding will no longer be available after August 31, 2011.
  - It is important to get a quick start on our efforts.
  - We have an advantage in the work done by previous BBEST's and guidance now available from the Science Advisory Committee
6. We discussed gages that might be used for environmental flow needs.
7. We were unsure of the geographic scope of our mandate. Since the meeting, it has been established that the geographic scope includes the San Bernard River and Chocolate Bayou watersheds.
8. We agreed to meet on May 23 and 24 – one or both days – in Austin.
9. Since the meeting, we have been working on and sharing draft budget, draft timeline, and assignments for the subcommittees.